5. US Air
6. Japan Airlines
7. Qantas
8. Trans World Airlines
9. All Nippon
10. Southwest Airlines
11. Iberia
12. Varig
13. Canadian Airlines International

(b) and (c) Out of the 13 airlines mentioned above,12 air lines belong to countries which have Air Services Agreements with India. Decisions on operation of air services are taken by airlines based on their own perception of commercial and operational viability.

Plans of Indian Airlines to acquire aircrafts

*237. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airline plans to acquire some aircrafts on lease with an option to purchase them at later stage;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances which have necessitated this step; and

(c) what is the number of aircrafts to be acquired and capacity of each aircraft and the name of the suppliers/manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No final decision has yet been taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pay scale of MT drivers in MES

*238. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench vide its Order O.A. No. 1493/CH/94 dated 20th April, 1994 accepting the plea of the MT drivers Association (MES) for the scale of pay at par with the MT drivers in the Defence Research and Development Organisation on the principle of "equal pay for equal work", has directed the Engineer-in-Chief, Army Headquarters, New Delhi to consider it in the light of the Supreme Court order on the subject ;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken for the grant of pay to the MT drivers in the Military Engineering Service in accordance with the directive issued by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench; and if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for dely in deciding the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench (in its OA No. 1493/CH/91) has given a direction to the Engineer-in-Chief, Army Headquarters to consider the representation (filed as Annexure 'A-2' to the OA) by the applicants and pass appropriate orders, keeping in view the principle of "equal pay for equal work" and its application to the facts of the case.

(b) The Engineer-in-Chief's Branch has given a reply to the petitioners who are MT Drivers Grade II and Grade I in the Military Engineer Service that the pay scales admissible to MT Drivers Grade II and Grade I in MES are identical to the corresponding scales admissible for Civilian Motor Drivers Grade II and Grade I respectively in Defence Research and Development Organisation. There is, therefore, no discrimination in the pay scales of MT Driver Grade II and Grade I in MES as was alleged by the petitioners.

(c) Does not arise.

Ex-Servicemen in Gujarat

*239. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen in Gujarat State at present :

(b) whether Government have prepared any scheme to give them opportunities for employment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of ex-servicemen provided with employment during the year 1994-95 under the said scheme ?